| Year | Associated Gas Production (MMSCM) | Gas Flared (MMSCM) | Value of Gas Flared (Rs. in crores) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2006-07 | 1704.45 | 206.59 | 38.78 |
| 2007-08 | 1669.72 | 192.22 | 36.44 |
| 2008-09 | 6093.63 | 173.29 | 30.09 |

(b) to (d) The associated gas is distributed along with the free gas and no separate record for utilization is maintained for associated gas.

The natural gas produced, after meeting internal requirements for ONGC, OIL and Joint Venture in Amguri Field are mainly sold to GAIL and Assam Gas Corporation Limited. Approximately, 90% of the unflared gas is being utilized with maximum utilization by Power and Fertilizer Sector.

(e) As per calculation, based on the average calorific value of the default emission factor for gas and the International panel on climate change, Assam flared gas *i.e.* 8436 k. cal/SCM the total quantum of carbon emitted to the environment by the flared gas is equivalent to 0.343MMT of CO2 during 2008-09.

**Loss suffered in IOC depot at Jaipur**

†1336. SHRI OM PRAKASH MATHUR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total losses suffered in Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) depot fire accident in Jaipur in recent past;

(b) in what manner IOC is going to compensate the losses suffered by the industrial and residential houses situated in the area around the depot; and

(c) whether Government has any concrete action plan to tackle the immediate losses as well as the long term adverse effects on the health of the general public?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) It is estimated that petroleum products worth approx. Rs. 191 crore have been lost in the recent fire at IOC Depot in Jaipur. The replacement cost of Depot buildings and machinery is estimated to be over Rs.160 crore. 11 deaths have been confirmed of which 6 are employees of IOC. 7 persons have suffered serious injuries. The blasts in the Depot have damaged the roof, window panes and walls of nearby factories, shopping complex, some residential buildings etc.

(b) and (c) IOC has released an *ad-hoc* relief package amounting to Rs.50 crore to Rajasthan State Industrial Development and Investment Corporation (RIICO) for disbursement to the small and medium industries adversely affected by the fire incident.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Losses caused to the surrounding areas will also be compensated through insurance cover taken by IOC under public liability policy and third party liability policy. Government of Rajasthan has also announced a relief package with deferment of Value Added Tax remittance/service tax etc. till 31.03.2010, 50% waiver of the fixed portion of the electricity tariff, concessional loans from Rajasthan Finance Corporation and RIICO, rescheduling of repayment of loans, etc. for the affected industries.

Damage caused to the environment is being investigated by Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board.

**Gas corridors**

1337. SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN:
SHRI N.K. SINGH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has prepared a blueprint to set up a nodal agency for putting in place a grand national plan for establishing 'Natural Gas Highways' to connect South East and Central India with natural gas pipeline network;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is wide Inter-State disparity in consumption of gas and Southern States are not adequately benefited; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which gas corridors would be extended to Southern and Eastern parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) and (b) A proposal is under consideration.

(c) and (d) The development of trunk natural gas pipelines in the country depends upon gas availability, and location of production centres and customers. There is disparity in consumption of gas between various States in the country. However, with a view to provide connectivity to unserviced areas in the Southern and Eastern parts of the country, Government has authorized GAIL (India) Limited (GAIL) and Reliance Gas Transportation Infrastructure Ltd. (RGTIL) for laying the following pipelines:-

**GAIL (India) Limited**

- Kochi-Kanjirrakod-Bangalore-Mangalore
- Haldia-Jagdishpur
- Dabhol-Bangalore

**RGTIL**

- Kakinada-Basudebpur-Howrah
- Kakinada-Nellore-Chennai